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above extent, by diarrhœa. The fortunate experiment made in France with so much success by Mons. Polouceau, in crossing the Thibet and Angora breeds, (a flock of which breed has been imported into London by Mr. Riley, in its way to New South Wales, and has been, I understand, deservedly honoured with the approbation of the Society,) holds forth most satisfactory promise of accomplishing a great national object.

“The very small produce of the pure Thibet wool rendered it almost hopeless (as the quantity has not been found to be increased in this country) that they could be made to pay as an article of profit. When it is considered, however, that the first cross of the Angora quintuples the quantity, and promises rather to improve the adaptation of it to the manufacture of shawls, we have only to import the Angora females and the object is attained, whether for cultivation in this country, or export to Australia.

“I am, &c. &c.

A. AIKIN, Esq.

“C. T. TOWER.

Secretary, &c. &c.”

No. II.

COTTON FROM THE MARAGNON.

IN the 46th vol. of the Society's Transactions is a list of articles collected by Lieutenant Maw, in the countries through which flows the Maragnon, or River of Amazons, and presented by that officer to the Society. Among these are four samples of raw cotton.

- No. 25. From Ybarra.
- 31. From Ucayalli.
- 32. Ditto.
- 40. Wild cotton from Cochiquenas.

These were put into the hands of Mr. Garnett, of Manchester, who reports as follows : —

The general character of the cotton is similar to the coarser kinds from Brazil, such as the growth of Para; the best sample approaches the quality¹ of Maranham (Maragnon). Their relative value, if cleaned and got up in the usual way, would be as follows, viz. : —

- No. 25. Short staple, woolly, coarse, but of a good colour; well adapted for common purposes, worth (March 1831) 6*d.* to 6½*d.* per lb.
- 31. Of rather better staple than the preceding, but coarse, and not so bright in colour; 6½*d.* to 7*d.* per lb.
- 32. Similar to No. 31, and of equal value.
- 40. Short staple, woolly, coarse, and discoloured; 5½*d.* to 6*d.* per lb.

No. III.

The GOLD ISIS MEDAL was presented to N. WALLICH, M.D., F.R.S., Superintendent of the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, for a valuable Collection of Indian Woods, made by himself, chiefly in Nipal and in the Burmese territory, and transferred, at his suggestion, by the Court of Directors of the Hon. the East India Company, to the Society of Arts.

For the catalogue of this collection, and for some remarks respecting it, the reader is referred to the 48th vol. of the Society's Transactions, p. 439.